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New director named for NMSU Black Programs

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Festus Addo-Yobo, director of African-American Student Services at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn., has been appointed director of Black Programs at New Mexico State University.

Addo-Yobo will begin his duties at NMSU on Nov. 7.

"We are very pleased to have Festus Addo-Yobo join us in this critical leadership position," said Gladys De Necochea, vice president for student services and dean of students at NMSU. "His varied skills and experience in multicultural student services will enhance our ability to serve our increasingly diverse student population."

The campus and local community are invited to meet the new director at a reception in his honor from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in the Dona Ana Room of the Corbett Center Student Union, De Necochea said.

Before joining Metropolitan State University, Addo-Yobo was director of the African American

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Learning Resource Center at the University of Minnesota at Duluth from 1997 to 2004. He previously was an academic counselor at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science at the College of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill., and a master's degree in education with a focus on student affairs at Western Kentucky University.

Sam Bone Jr. has been serving as acting director of NMSU Black Programs since Sept. 6. Troy Franklin, the former director, is now assistant athletic director for student development at NMSU.



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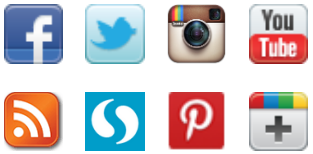
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